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### ARCHERY.

**KIMBLTON (Herts).**—On Tuesday last, the fifteenth meeting of this society took place in the grounds of Stonely Hall. The day was lovely, which induced a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen to assemble to witness the spirited but harmless contest. Col. Gilpin, M.P., kindly consented to the fine brass band of the Beds Militia being engaged, which increased the enjoyment of the day. The shooting was excellent and well-contested, the ladies excelling in number the hits of the gentlemen. The prizes were awarded as follows:—

**LADIES.**—First prize, Miss K. Gay; second prize, Miss M. Fernie; third prize, Miss E. Gay.

**GENTLEMEN.**—First prize, Rev. H. Limpus; second prize, J. Sutherland, Esq.; third prize, Rev. R. S. Baker.

An extra prize for member visitors was awarded to Mrs. Faulkner, of Scarborough, Yorkshire.

**MR. JAMES B. McNEIL.**

(To the Editor of the Illustrated Sporting News.)

Sir,—I see in your impression of today you state that the bronze medal given by the Royal Humane Society to Mr. J. B. McNeil is the only one ever given to an inhabitant of Scotland.

This is not a fact, as many medals (both silver and bronze) have been given to inhabitants of Scotland, and are always granted whenever the act of rescue performed may entitle any one to that honorary distinction. There is no difference made as to whether the claimant is Scotch, Irish, or English, as any casual reader might infer on perusing your account. Requesting this error may be set right, I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

LAMINGTON J. H. YOUNG, Sec.

Royal Humane Society Office,

4, Trafalgar-square, Aug. 2.

[We exceedingly regret that the error pointed out in the above should have crept into our memoir of Mr. McNeil, but we are assured that our informant conveyed the information to us with the full conviction of its truth.—Ed. I.S.N.]

### HIGHLAND GAMES.

DUNDEE.

The annual Highland gathering of the Dundee Highland Association took place on Saturday afternoon at Rollo's Pier. The weather was very fine, and the different games were very keenly contested.

Donald Dinnie (the champion hammer heaver) was greatly admired and loudly cheered as he took the lead in all the competitions he tried. The following is a list of the successful competitors:—

Playing marches on the great Highland bagpipes, 7 competed: 1st, James Stewart, Earl of Dunmore's piper; 2nd, John Coutts, Dundee Highland Volunteers.

Playing reels on the Highland bagpipes, 7 competed: 1st, J. Stewart, Earl of Dunmore's piper; 2nd, W. Forbes, Dundee Highland Volunteers.

Dancing Highland fling, 7 competed: 1st, J. R. Forbes, D. H. V.; 2nd, W. Robertson, Perth. Sword dance, 8 competed: 1st, J. R. Forbes, D. H. V.; 2nd, W. Forbes, D. H. V.

Highland reels, 1st, J. R. Forbes, D. H. V.; 2nd, R. Moran, D. H. V.

Throwing the hammer, 17 lbs., 6 competed: 1st, Donald Dinnie, Aboyne, 58ft 10in; 2nd, James Kennedy, Dundee, 47ft 8in.

Putting the ball, 22lb, 6 competed: 1st, D. Dinnie, 35ft 7in; 2nd, J. Kennedy, 31ft 10in.

Tossing the caber, 7 competed: 1st, D. Dinnie, 2nd, W. McFarlane, D. H. V.

Bunning high leap, 6 competed: 1st, D. Dinnie, 5ft 4in; 2nd, W. Milne, Dundee, 4ft 11in.

Vaulting with pole, 5 competed: 1st, R. Pourtie, Ferrey, 8ft 9in; 2nd, J. Reid, D. H. V., 8ft 6in.

Broad sword exercise, 4 competed: 1st, W. Small, D. H. V.; 2nd, James Don, D. H. V.

Foot race, 12 competed: 1st, James Lauder, Dundee; 2nd, James Don, D. H. V.

Extra prize, a handsome set of bagpipes, mounted with silver, for pipers belonging to Dundee, was won by J. Coutts, D. H. V.; 4 competed.

This concluded the games for this year, which passed off very successful. The following is a list of umpires:—W. Meldrum, Esq., Perth; E. Guild, Esq., Dundee; Captain 10th F. V.; H. Ballingall, Esq., Dundee; J. Menzies, Dundee; and J. McFarlane, Dundee.

**TOOTING.**—A trotting match of an extraordinary character took place on the road from Selby to York on Thursday, August 7. The match was made on the previous evening, the ponies in question being out grazing, and not in a fit condition to trot a distance; however, at the time appointed, viz., eleven o'clock, the rain falling in torrents, the owners, Mr. Thomas Chambers, baker and confectioner, Selby, and Mr. J. Midgley, innkeeper, Selby, made their appearance with their friends and animals. The baker drove a grey pony, bought for eight sovereigns, the opponent being a bay one, purchased for five sovereigns. The distance was to be from Selby to York, 14 miles. Joseph Bell, Esq., North Duffield, officiated as referee, and each conveyance had an umpire in it. At the time stated the word "go" was given, when each made a start, and the distance was accomplished within the hour, the grey pony winning by 200 yards. We understand the owner of the winner has refused forty sovereigns for her. The race was for ten sovereigns, which was handed over to the winner at the Sea Horse Inn, York, immediately on the arrival.

### GOSSIP ABOUT THE PUGILISTIC CHAMPIONS OF ENGLAND.

#### FIGG, THE FIRST CHAMPION.

The progenitors of a race of heroes are well entitled to a due meed of public approbation to their memory. Muscle, sinew, and bone have been forcibly inherent in the flesh long ere the Saxon current of life in "Merrie England" mingled with the Norman blood that created an Anglian birthright when the warm gushes of life sped from Haxfold the battle-field, near Waltham Abbey. From the iron to the golden age, from the ancient to the modern times, with the lapse of centuries noted to unrecorded time, we have had no physical decadence either in the spirit or the body. "Strong in will to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield," was a favourite motto of "our forefathers" who in the rude annals of the past, and our impulsive desires for courageous and chivalric action have been times and oft made inflexibly manifest with every cycle of revolving years. It has passed to the present generation in this saddest year of '62, despite the reign of mind which stamps us as the heritors of an age of civilisation. From the lusty loins of such yeomen of the land, have sprung the personal strength, irrepresible hardihood, and undaunted courage and bravery of those sons of our soil who have reaped for our army and navy those signs and tokens of supreme power to which there is no limit in this sublunary world.

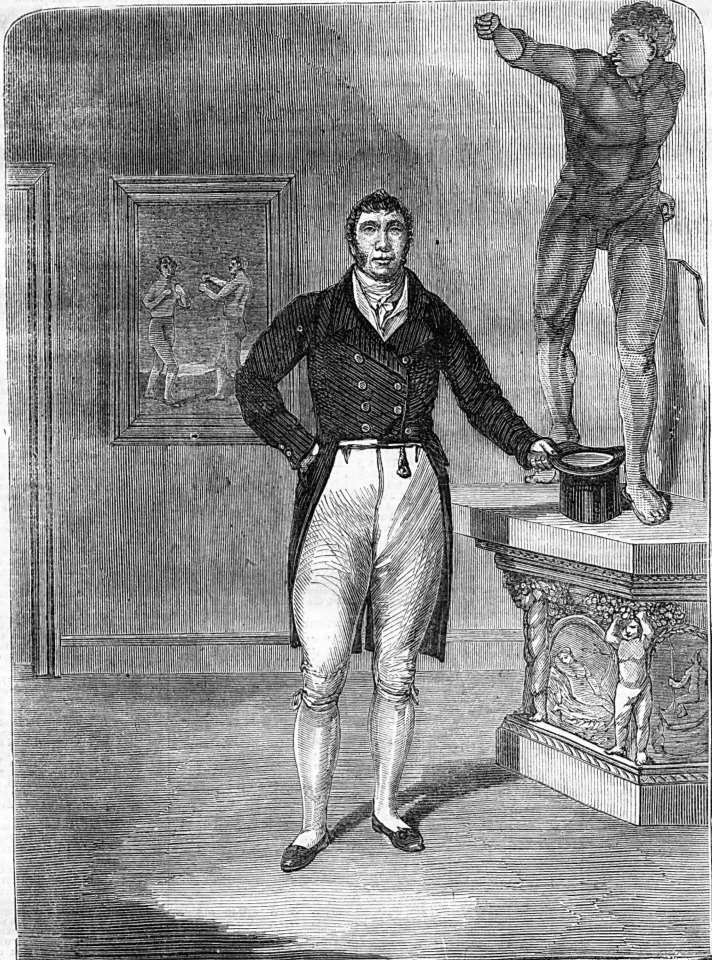
We published a beautiful engraving of Figg in our Journal of July 19; but press of matter has since prevented us from alluding even briefly to his history. To that portrait we must beg our readers' attention. It must be admitted that he has not the *personae* of the pugilist, but then he was more noted, despite his illiteracy, to the then fashionable and equally favourite practice of single-stick and cudgelling. Independent of this we have other ancient and far more modern instances of exterior pleasantness of form, feature, facial portrayal, and deportment in which those who cannot be classed amongst the equestrian would fall to recognise the customary phase or cast of feature of the majority of the boxing fraternity. From his jovial-looking face and outward development which Hogarth stamps him on his canvases to posterity there is a glad expression of countenance; and we may fairly and Lavater-like trace jovial temper for a component part of his intemperance, a general right pleasant and even gentlemanly demeanour in the *tout ensemble* far above mediocrity.

Figg was more indebted to strength and courage for his success in the battles which he gained, than to the effects of genius; in fact, he was extremely illiterate, and it might be said that he boxed his way through life. If Figg's method of fighting was subject to the criticism of the present day, he would be denominated more of a slaughterer than that of a neat, finished pugilist. His antagonists were punished severely in their conflicts with him, particularly those who stood up to receive his blows; in making matches his advice was always consulted, as he possessed the character of an honest fellow, and was looked up to as a leading fighter among the most distinguished of the fancy.

Figg had for many years a sparring amphitheatre in Oxford-street, he beat Sutton, the Gravesend Pienan, and the Venetian Gondolier, and died in 1740, having long before resigned all pretensions to the Championship. We may further allude to Figg's career, as we shall trace his and the histories of every succeeding champion, including, of course, that of the individual whose portrait appears in this page.

**BOWLING.**—NEWCASTLE.—The townsmen was on Saturday the scene of an interesting match between R. Blench and W. Chisholm, both daisies from the Wear county. Mr. Henry Wardle was stakeholder and umpire; the conditions were 10oz bowls, for £20. The man had met before, when Blench was the winner. On the present occasion, however, there was not much to choose between the parties, but owing to Chisholm having hit a post, his opponent gained upwards of 30 yds at an early period of the contest. About the fifth throw they were again equal, but as they threw along the flat, Blench proved himself to be the superior bowler, and Chisholm gave up.

**RABBIT COURSEING.**—DINAM AND FLODA AT STANNINGLEY.—No March.—The match between these dogs to run at Stanningley, near Leeds, is off, the owner of Dinah having forfeited.



GENTLEMAN JACKSON, THE RENOWNED PUGILIST.

(From an original Engraving.)







## SWIMMING.

## RICHARD GARDNER AND JOSHUA ASPINALL.

THE two well-known swimmers whose portraits we publish this week are to swim, on the 20th August, twenty lengths of the Leaf-street Bath, Manchester—a distance equal to 500 yds—for the Manchester Swimming Cup, both men giving an unwonted interest to the match, and their performances clearly denote that a most exciting race will take place.

Many years well known as one of the swiftest swimmers of the day, he has done given distances in the Lambeth Swimming Bath in an incredibly short space of time; and the powers of endurance the victor in contests innumerable in different parts of London; but we have reason to believe that the present one is the most interesting and important trial in which he will be engaged. He is most certainly one of, if not the best, representative of London swimmers that could have been chosen to go to Manchester to endeavour to bring back the cup which they have already once possessed.

Joshua Aspinall is a swimmer of considerable repute at Manchester. He has carried off many prizes at the different baths at that place, and may be fairly considered one of its foremost champions. The specimen of Manchester swimming, which we which this match is calculated still further to elicit, is of a very high description. Aspinall's method of swimming is, like his opponent's, peculiar; but the truth is gradually coming out that the most peculiar styles of swimming, that is to say, a departure from the received notions, are by far the swiftest. We may instance, as examples, Mr. Keel, of Manchester, and Mr. Williams, of Bermondsey, and many others, all of whom have their pet idiosyncrasy.

It is too much to say that the competitors are likely to have a very tough job to beat each other. The supporters on both sides appear to be very confident, and the match itself is one of the most important that will have taken place since the first competition for the same prize, in which Mr. Donovan was the victor. In conclusion, we may remark that London swimmers regard the contest with no prejudice. They know the best swimmer must win, and that, perhaps, it is but fair that a Manchester man should hold the cup once, seeing that a Londoner won it in the first instance; but, should Gardner win, London may be supposed to still hold a supremacy which the departure of Donovan for the Red Sea has in some degree imperilled.

## TYNEMOUTH SWIMMING CLUB AND HUMANE SOCIETY.

On Monday afternoon the annual competition in connection with this club took place in Prior's Haven, Tynemouth, in the presence of a large concourse of people who were assembled on the pier, the Spanish Battery, and other points commanding a view of the haven. The competition steamer left the New Quay with the vice-patron, Mr. Hugh Taylor, the committee, and a large number of gentlemen, and the competition commenced a little after three o'clock. The competition was under the direction of Messrs. G. S. Tyack, S. W. Hensell, and Philip Clendon, who acted as umpires. The first contest that came off was for long diving, to be determined by the longest distance traversed under the surface of the water. First, a silver medal. This attracted much attention, and was determined as follows:—Mr. James Fry, Tynemouth, 1; Mr. James Reid, North Shields, 2; Mr. Conrade, North Shields, 3; Mr. Joseph Bewick, North Shields, 4.

The Champion Swift Running Prize, the champion gold medal, subject to annual competition, the winner to receive a prize of 25s., was next contested for. The following was the result of this contest, with the time of each competitor:—Mr. Thomas Gibson, Newcastle, 4min 25sec; 1; Mr. Walter Gibson, Newcastle, 4min 30sec; 2; Mr. W. Brigal, Durham, 4min 45sec; 3; Mr. J. Bewick, North Shields, 4min 50sec; 4; Mr. R. Reid, North Shields, 5min 50sec; 5.

The next contest was the most amusing and exciting of the afternoon. The Navy Prize, a bronze medal and half-a-guinea. A competition in swift swimming; distance about 200 yds. Open to the crew of H.M.S. Castor, or of any other of H.M. ships, and the Naval Reserve Volunteers. The second at the 200 yds. The contest was well and bravely maintained, the winner of the James Match, 1; James Foster, 2; F. Jordan, 3; Thomas Rymer, 4; George Hayman, 5; John Mercer, 6.

The next match was for fishermen, but there were only three entries, and the race was easily won by John Anderson, Frederick Taylor coming in second, and Alexander McCaul third. There were four entries for scientific swimming as follows:—Mr. Thomas Pape, Newcastle; Mr. Walter Gibson, Newcastle; Mr. Thomas Gibson, Newcastle; Mr. William Briggs, Durham. The evolutions in the water were very elegant, but the judges, after a good deal of consideration, awarded the prize, a silver medal, to young Pape, and the decision of the umpires fully accorded with the views of the public.

The proceedings concluded with competition, open to all comers, for a bronze medal, and the second to receive five shillings. There were six competitors, and the race was extremely well contested; so much so that it ended in a dead heat between Mr. A. Hunter, a seaman, and Corporal Rickhards, stationed at Tynemouth. These two contested over again, which resulted in Hunter beating Rickhards by about a length, the result standing as follows:—

Mr. A. Hunter, North Shields, 1; Corporal Rickhards, 2; Mr. D. Tyack, North Shields, 3; Mr. H. Avery, North Shields, 4; Mr. John Dobby, North Shields, 5; Mr. R. Fenwick, North Shields, 6; Private Thomas Ginn, 7.

In the evening the members of the club dined together in the Albion Hotel, Mr. Filmer, the president, occupying the chair.

SWIMMING EXCURSION TO BRIGHTON.—On Sunday last a party, consisting of members of the London and Leander Swimming Clubs, started early from Victoria Station for a dip in the sea. As soon as they arrived at Brighton, no time was lost in scuttling off to the machines specially retained for them, and, a few minutes later, adventurous swimmers were to be seen cleaving the briny waves and foamy spray with lusty arms; in fact, some proved so adventurous that a boat was sent after them, but its assistance was, happily, not required. Nearer shore the bystanders, with a large sprinkling of the fair sex, were amused by the swimming of two of our best ornamental swimmers, Mr. Wallace Ramage and Mr. Moore. The dinner, provided at the "Good Intent," was simple and ample—two great recommendations. After this re-



RICHARD GARDNER.

(From a Photograph.)

past, the torpid strolled away for a walk, and the resolute for a sail, and for another swim; but this time in Brill's Swimming Bath, where the reasonable charge of 1s. 6d. per head was made for a dip in warm salt water, and the towels. Some submitted to this extortion, and gave us the result of their experience. After a comfortable ten, the party started home early, having spent forethought in arranging everything, and it is hoped that but few Sundays will elapse before another excursion is made under his auspices.

WE have much pleasure in commending a little work forwarded us for review. It is by Mr. Ralph Harrington, and bears the impress of considerable thought about a theme on which the author evidently dwells with pleasure. It is compiled with considerable care, enriched with copious notes, printed legibly on excellent paper, and issued at the remarkably low price of twopenny. The little work is published by Holyoake and Co., 147, Fleet-street.

BILLIARDS.—LIVERPOOL.—M. Berger, the champion player of France, is about to hold a *seance* at Mr. Bayliff's Rooms, on Tuesday next. Some idea of his skill with the cue may be derived from the fact, that, in his own game (cannoning only), he is open to give Roberts 250 out of 500, and in the match initiated must remember that N. Berger plays only the French game, in which English players find scope only for one-third of their skill.

## AQUATICS.

## REGATTAS AND MATCHES TO COME.

AUGUST.

- 16—London Rowing Club—Pais.
- 16—London Amateur Rowing Club—Scull, Putney to Hammersmith.
- 16—Zephyr Crew v. Vesper Rowing Club—Pais, Battersea to Putney.
- 18—Temple Yacht Club—Sailing match.
- 19, 20—Royal Western Yacht Club Regatta.
- 20—Bedford Regatta.
- 20—Weymouth Royal Regatta.
- 21—Tower of London and City Regatta.

## SURREY, CHRISTCHURCH, LAMBETH, AND OLD BARGE-HOUSE REGATTA.

MONDAY.

PRIZES, a Purse of Sovereigns. Twelve competitors. The rowing very good.

First heat: Charles Coombes and James Taylor, Yellow, 1; John Kilsby easily, and William Taylor, Red, 0; Thomas Johnson and James Aslet, Pink, 0. Won easily.

Second heat: James Lowe and William Wood, Blue, 1; Thomas Holmes and William Tharrington, White, 0; Thomas Robinson and Thomas Turton, Green, 0. White were looking like winners, when they were impeded by some craft and passed, but rowed a good race to the end.

Third heat: J. Kilsby and W. Taylor, 1; T. Johnson and J. Aslet, 2. A good race.

Grand heat: J. Coombes and J. Taylor, 1; J. Kilsby and W. Taylor, 2; J. Lowe and W. Wood, 3. Won by two or three lengths.

## HORSLEYDOWN REGATTA.

TUESDAY.

COMPETITORS, five free watermen of the place. Prizes, a new boat, and liberal sums of money.

First heat: Thomas Wright, White, 1; Joseph James, Red, 0; Robert Frou-bridge, Pink, 0. Won easily.

Second heat: Jeffrey Abbott, Blue, 1; S. Wheeler, Green, 0. The winners went well away.

Third heat: Samuel Wheeler, 1; Joseph James, 2; Robert Troubridge, 0. The second man had a slight lead on the opening of the race, but soon gave way to the winner.

Fourth heat: Jeffrey Abbott, 1; Thomas Wright, 2; Joseph James, 0; Samuel Wheeler, 0. Abbott and James were away with a good lead, followed by Wheeler; Wright was last, but by fine hand rowing got a place.

Grand heat: Jeffrey Abbott, 1; Thomas Wright, 0. The race was won by several lengths. The regatta was under the patronage of John Locke, and A. H. Layard, Esq., the members.

## WEST LONDON ROWING CLUB.

THE entries for the eight-oared race of this club having closed, the following are the names of the crews:—Mr. Niblett's crew: Embleton, sen., Fuller, West, Kerridge, Houseman, Mares, Bryant, Niblett (stroke); Cockrell (cox). Mr. Nash's crew: Holditch, Brooks, Hambley, Drake, Howard, Collins, Chadwin, Nash (cox); Embleton, jun. (cox). Mr. Tyler's crew: Bright, Pauley, Todd, Dewar, Chapman, Pitt, Lister, Tyler (stroke); R. Niblett (cox). The race to take place this day (Saturday), the course being from Putney to Hammersmith. A steamboat will accompany the race.

## GREENWICH REGATTA.

MONDAY.

The competitors were watermen's apprentices, and were seven in number. The prizes were a coat and badge, and some other prizes. The water was well managed.

First heat: Daniel J. Bazant, Pink, 1; Thomas Scarf, Yellow, 0; William Webb, Green, 0.

Second heat: W. Fraser, Red, 1; H. Brown, Light Blue, 0; J. Conningham, Dark Blue, 0.

Third heat: T. Scarf, 1; J. Conningham, 2.

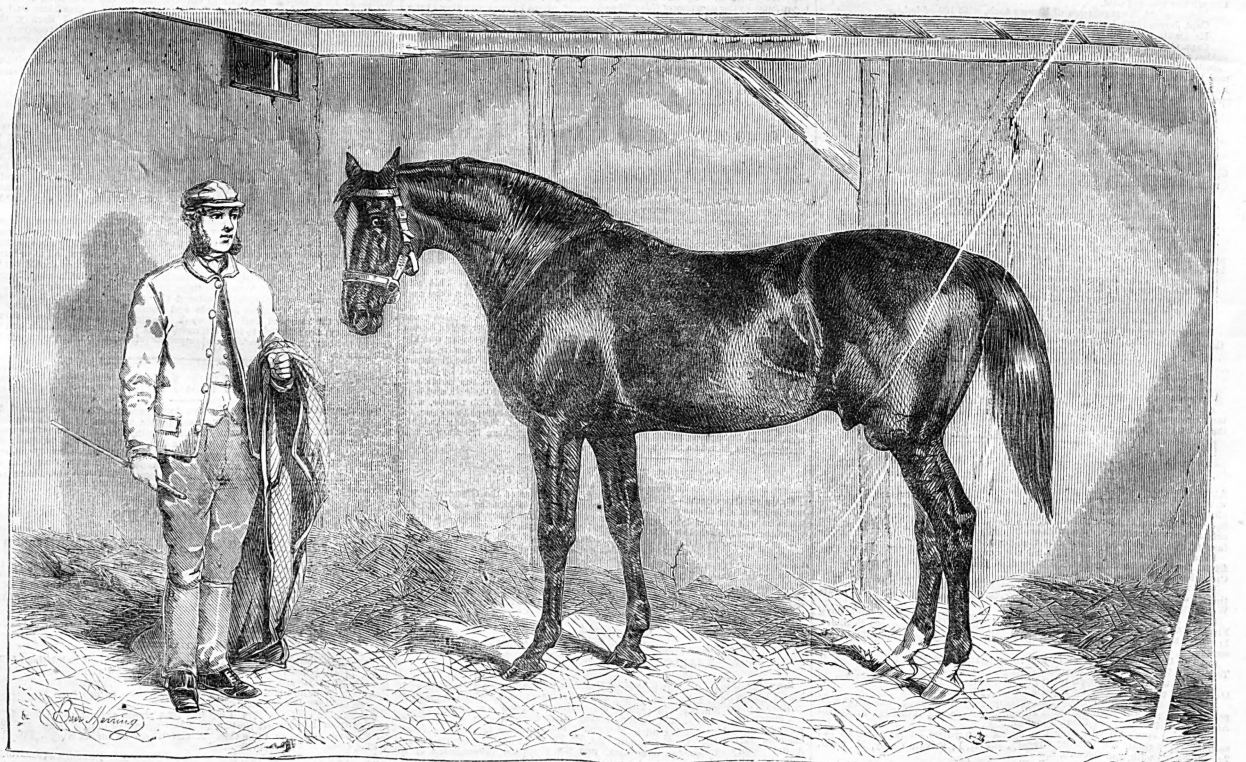
Fourth heat: D. J. Bazant, 1; W. Fraser, 2.

Grand heat: D. J. Bazant, 1; W. Fraser, 0.

The young men rowed very gallantly throughout, and deserve support.

## BEDFORD ANNUAL REGATTA.

THIS regatta, which takes place on Wednesday next, 20th August, bids fair, under the patronage of his Grace the Duke of Manchester, the R. Hon. Earl Cowper, lord-lieutenant of the county, the R. Hon. Lord Wen doyle, and other gentlemen of influence, to excel that of past years. Eight y guineas will be rowed for—many of the prizes open to all England. Row 3 are already with Manchester, &c. &c. The races this year will be up and down the stream, which will afford ample scope for beautiful pulling. Last and previous years they rowed down the stream, when it was advised by good judges that the beautiful gardens of the Swan Hotel will be again opened, as well as other lawns, gardens, and meadows by the side of the river Ouse, belonging to private families, who intend throwing them open to select parties. The Bedford and Bedfordshire Horticultural and Floricultural Exhibition or open-air fête is fixed to be held on the same day, in a meadow adjoining the river Ouse.



MARIONETTE.

THE WINNER OF THE SECOND PRIZE FOR THOROUGHBREDS AT THE R. A. SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING (FROM A DRAWING BY BEN. HERRING, ESQ.)



Crews Alston, Esq. high sheriff of the county, consenting to be president; the Mayor of Bedford, John Howard, Esq. vice-president; George Glenny, Esq., being chosen as judge. Various other amusements are announced so that altogether the treat is expected to be unusually attractive. The different railway companies have kindly agreed to run special trains there and back for a single fare.

CAMBRIDGE.

**AMATEUR PAIR-OARED RACES.**—These annual races, for silver cups, were rowed on Thursday and Friday evenings, when the following crews started, in the order set down.—Donagh and Buttress, 1; Clayton and Watts, 2; Peach and Bos, 3; McDonald and Waters, 4; Webb and Johnson, 5. An even start was effected, but it soon became apparent the fourth boat had by far the best crew, and shortly after passing the Willows the third was overhauled. This was the only bump made in the heat. For the second heat the boats started in the same order, when Mr. McDonald's boat quickly overtook that of Mr. Clayton.

On Saturday evening the remaining three crews started for the final race, when Mr. McDonald's boat was again successful,umping Mr. Donagh's at the bottom of the Long Reach. After a short interval the two remaining boats started for the time race, over the University course, about a mile and a quarter; and Mr. McDonald, having won the toss, elected to take first place, and on the word being given, led off with a steady but telling stroke, which every minute increased the gap between him and Mr. Webb's boat. For the last hundred yards the leading crew put on a brilliant spurt for the finish, winning by upwards of half a minute.

NORTH SEATON REGATTA.

The annual regatta on the river Wansbeck came off on Saturday, 8th inst. Owing to the recent heavy floods the river was much swollen, and created some excellent sports, though in consequence of the unsettled state of the weather several boats from the villages along the coast were prevented from attending.

**SAILING RACES.**—The following is a list of the winners and the prizes:—Ellen and Mary (coble), £2; Storm King, £2; Perseverance, £1 10s.; Mulla, £1 10s.

**SHIP GIG RACE.**—This race was an exciting affair. First prize, £2, was won by the Nimrod; second prize, £1, fell to the lot of the Sheepwash Lass.

**ROWING MATCHES.**—The following are the winners:—Morning Star, £2; Post Boy, £2; Greta, £2 10s. Keel boats—1st race: Rosebud, £1; 2nd race: Tip the Daisy, 10s.

SHEPPERTON AND HALLIFORD REGATTA.

The annual regatta of the above places took place on Saturday, August 9, the competitors being watermen, fishermen, &c., residing in Shepperton, Halliford, Weybridge, Walton, and Sunbury, when prizes were given for the following races:—Double-handed punts, £4 the first, and £1 10s. the second; single-handed punts, £2 the first, and £1 the second; pair-oars, £5 10s. the first, and £1 10s. the second; sculls, £2 the first, and 10s. the second. The races were under the management of the committee. The boats were started from Queenborough Alby Thomas Rosewell, and the punts from Shepperton Ferry by Thomas Purdus. The racing commenced shortly after eleven a.m. with the scullers' race. The stations in all the heats count from the Middlesex shore.

First heat: Edward Rosewell, Blue, 1; James Beveridge, Black, 0; William Wells, White, 0; Thomas Stroud, Black and Blue, 0. The winner took the lead soon after the start, and won easily.

Second heat: George Purdie, Yellow, 1; George Rogerson, Green, 0; George Akerman, Black and White, 0; Moses Fulker, Green and White, 0. Another easy victory. Yellow jumped away with the lead, and, rowing with great ease, won without any difficulty.

Third heat: George Rosewell, Black and Yellow, 1; R. Strudwick, Blue and White, 0; Alfred Stroud, Black and Green, 0; James Smith, Red and White, 0.

Final heat: Edward Rosewell, Blue, 1; George Purdie, Yellow, 0; George Rosewell, Black and Yellow, 0. Won with the greatest ease, never having been headed the entire distance.

SINGLE-HANDED PUNTS.

First heat: John Stroud, Green, 1; John Rogerson, Black, 0; E. Clarke, Red, 0. Stroud came in first, but it was declared no race, all the competitors having gone round the wrong pole.

Second heat: William Rogerson, Black and White, 1; James Purdie, White, 0; James Fulker, Black and Blue, 0. A blue race all the way until nearing home, when Rogerson came out and won cleverly.

Third heat: C. Clarke, Red and White, 1; Samuel Purdie, Yellow, 0; Moses Fulker, Black and Red, 0; P. Stroud, Blue and White, 0. A good race took place for some little distance, when Clarke came away. Purdie was soon placed afterwards getting into full swing, when he was fouled by Fulker, which allowed Clarke to win easily.

Final heat: William Rogerson, Black and White, beat C. Clarke, Red and White. A very fine race took place nearly all the way, and some excellent play was shown by both, until Rogerson got away, and finally won easily.

PAIR-OARED RACE.

First heat: Richard Wheatley and R. Purdy, Red, 1; Edward Rosewell and George Purdie, Black, 0; John Rosewell and Richard Smith, Green, 0. The winners soon took the lead, and, never being headed, won easily.

Second heat: Moses Fulker and Thomas Stroud, Yellow, r.o.

Third heat: A. Stroud and E. Clarke, Black and Blue, 1; Charles Poulter and Richard Strudwick, Black and White, 0; James Stonestreet and William Rosewell, Black and Red, 0. The winners, on settling down to their work, soon led their opponents, and won easily.

Final heat: Moses Fulker and Thomas Stroud (Yellow) beat Wheatley and Purdy (Red), and A. Stroud and E. Clarke (Black and Blue). The winners took the lead from the commencement, but were so closely pressed by the others all the way that they only won by a length.

DONAGH-HANDED PUNTS.

First heat: E. Clarke and C. Clarke, White, 1; James Purdie and John Rogerson, Black, 0; Alfred Stroud and James Fulker, Blue, 0. A good race with the three took place for half-way, when White came away and won easily.

Second heat: William Rogerson and S. Purdie, Yellow, 1; John Rosewell and George Rosewell, Green, 2; John Stroud and Thomas Stroud, Black and White, 0. A splendid race throughout between the first two boats was won by a foot only.

Final heat: W. Rogerson and S. Purdie (Yellow) beat E. Clarke and C. Clarke (White). This was a capital race all the way through, as they never left each other, Yellow at the finish winning only by a length. The prizes



JOSHUA ASPINALL.

(From a Photograph.)

were presented to the winners after a dinner, provided by the committee, at the Anchor Hotel, Shepperton.

**PAIR-OARED MATCH FOR £10 A SIDE.**—Messrs. Fenton and Kemp against Messrs. White and Putnam, rowed their match on Monday from Putney to Mortlake. The latter pair won the toss, and took the Middlesex shore. The contending parties rowed evenly together to the Star and Garter, and being untended afterwards, won very easily by 100 yards.

**GEORGE DREWITT AND C. SUTCLIFF V. E. EAGERS AND HORACE COLE.**—A pair-oared match, for £10 a side, was made some short time since, between George Drewitt, with C. Sheppard, and E. Eagers, with Horace Cole, all of Chelsea, to row, in old-fashioned boats, from Putney to Mortlake, and Monday last was named as the day. On appearing in their boats, Drewitt and Sheppard refused to row against the new boat the others had built, and which they contended was not within the conditions of the match. As no arrangements could be entered into, both rowed over the course, and the matter remains in abeyance.

**NORTHUMBRIA REGATTA.**—From the progress made by the committee of the regatta there is every prospect of the event coming off with the greatest success. The Yacht Prize is of much greater value than that of last year, namely, a silver cup of the value of £30, which has been manufactured ex-

pressly by H. H. Dobson, silversmith to her Majesty, 22, Piccadilly, London. The cup is now being exhibited in the window of Mr. Phillips, Station Arcade, Tynemouth.

**ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB REGATTA.** RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At almost the last moment the committee of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club have come to the determination of following the precedent of the Royal Yacht Squadron, and that is to have no regatta this year. As has been already announced the greatest dissatisfaction exists amongst the members that the usual amusements should be set aside, which has led to the resignation of the commodore and vice-commodore, and Captain Charles Thellouss has been appointed vice-commodore. The office of commodore, for which there are several candidates, has not, at present, been filled up.

**FLAG REGATTA AT STIRLING.**—On Saturday afternoon last a flag regatta took place in the Firth at Stirling, the course being from the Abbey Ferry Pier to Queenhaugh and back. Five races were entered to be competed for. Six two-oared jolly boats were entered for the first race—the prize a tri-colored flag. The two first heats were well contested, and in the final heat, which lay between the Star of the Forth and the Dauntless, whose crews had come in first in the preceding heats, the Star of the Forth, after both had shown considerable pluck, came in the winner by about two boat lengths. In the second race for the Turkish flag, four boats were entered—four-oared jolly boats. In the first heat the Greyhound came in first; in the second, the Star of the Forth. In the third heat, these two being brought to the scratch, the Star of the Forth came in a short distance ahead. In the scratch race three boats' crews competed—a four-oared jolly boat, a two-oared 27ft gig, and a skiff. The jolly boat won by about a boat and a half's length. At this stage of the proceedings a melancholy accident occurred, which brought the proceedings prematurely to a close. A young man named Duncan, in the employment of Mr. Nisbet, painter, Stirling, who was not a competitor, but had been attending the sports, had entered, along with a companion, a light punt or skiff, which unluckily capsized at the Abbey Ferry, when both were immersed in the water. The young man rose to the surface three times, and called loudly for help. Some boats went to his assistance, and as he was going down the third time a party seized him, but unluckily failed in rescuing him, and he went down in deep water. The lad, it is said, could swim, but whether he had been seized with cramp, or had received a stroke in the overturning of the skiff, which had incapacitated him, has not been ascertained. The body of the unfortunate young man, who was an orphan, was recovered on the Sabbath forenoon, about eleven o'clock, a short distance from where the melancholy accident occurred.

QUOITS.

The annual meeting of the Nottingham Caledonian Quoit Club, for the silver quail, took place on Monday week, at the Artillery Inn ground, and after some very good play and a most exciting contest, Mr. Train's side came off victorious by one shot only. Score: First ties—Train, W. Has, St. Hall, R. J. Johnston, W. Taylor, H. Hunter, 21; Thornton, T. Ruddick, D. Kennedy, 12; W. Johnson, M. Kelvie, A. McNish, 2. Second ties—J. Johnson, W. Taylor, 20; J. Train, W. Has, M. Hall, 21.

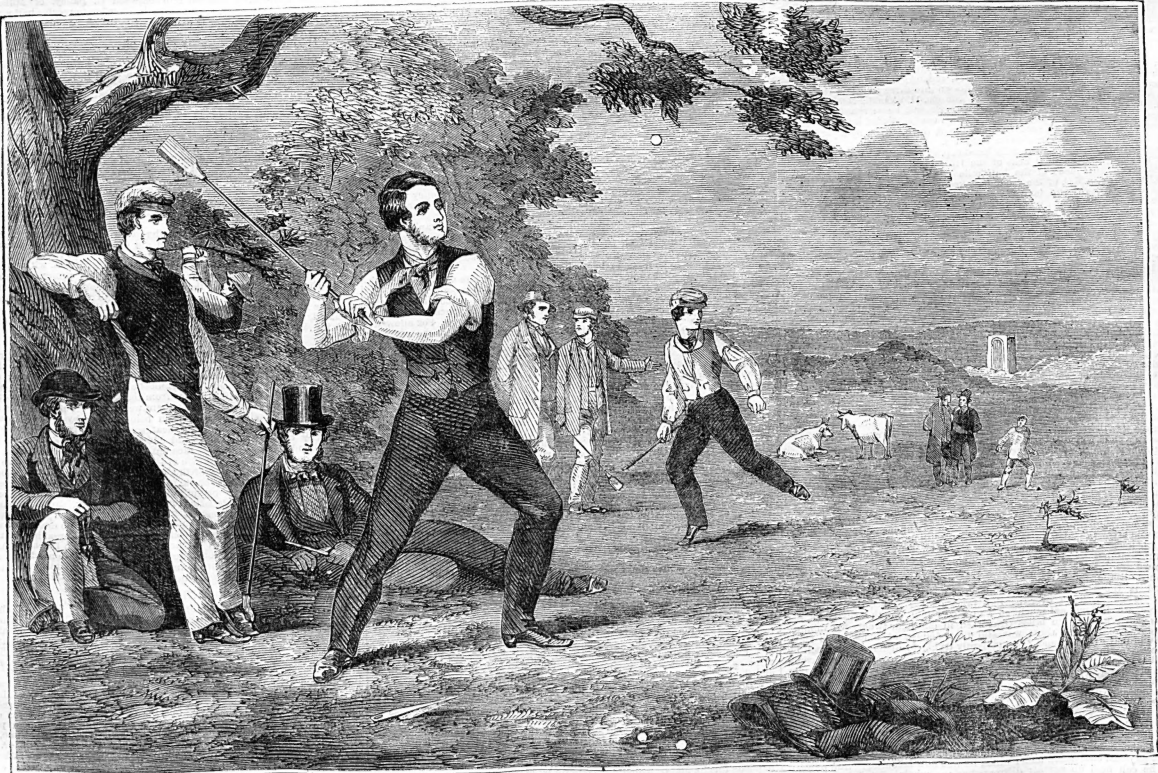
**GREAT MATCH FOR £20.**—On Saturday Ward, the celebrated Birley quail player, and J. Pattinson, of Newcastle, champion of the north, played a match at Birley, 41 shots up, with 4lb quoits, 11 yds distance. The same men have played privately together but never a public match previously, and in several cases Ward showed a superiority, but still Pattinson's victories made him a great favourite at 6 to 4; but the match ended opposite to the odds, for at the finish Ward counted 41, while Pattinson got only 38, the Birley hero winning by 25 shots.

MARIONETTE.

The animal took the second prize at the late Exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Society, held in Battersea Park. He is the property of Mr. C. E. Johnstone, and is 6 yrs old. His sire was the famous Touchstone, to whom he bears some resemblance, but without possessing any of his style. Marionette has a thorough Camel head, is small and neat, with good limbs and rather short legs. His fetlocks are, however, pronounced to be "doubtful." Whilst his action is very middling. We still adhere to the opinion we expressed at the time we published the portrait of Ellington, who took the first prize, that Horror, the prize. Horror is a five-year-old, by Wild Dayrell, out of Sally, by Ishurid.

**THE HUMAN AND THE ELEPHANTINE RACE.**—Mr. John Levett of Dublin has backed himself for a three-mile race against one of Mr. Bell's elephants. It is pretty clear who will bear off the "Bell," as we suppose that gentleman will ride his own animal; but it is not so clear who will carry away the prize, for, in spite of the size, strength, and speed of the elephant, the biped will most likely have an advantage. Unless Mr. Levett carries a perambulator, it will not be a fair handicap, as the elephant will be encumbered with his trunk.—F.R.

**THE DEAD HEART.**—Touching dialogue at the Adelphi Theatre during the performance of Mr. Watts Phillips's above-mentioned drama. Scene—Somewhere in Paris.—(Robert Landry is supposed to have been immersed in the Bastille for ever so long; he walks with difficulty.)—Enter Mr. Webster as Robert Landry.—(Solemnly, in reply to nothing, in particular.) "He heart is dead!" (More solemnly.) "He heart is—." Sympathising friend (in gallery). "How's your poor feet?" (Exit Robert Landry as Mr. Webster.—F.R.)



THE GAME OF KNURR AND SPELL.

(From a Drawing by our own Artist.)

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DORRIS AND HARRISON-GORE

and 7 to 4 was freely offered

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6 a side. To be run at St. Helier  
per 1. £2 10s a side is now de-

must be doubled on Monday next, at the Castle Tavern, under Hospital-  
Mr. Talbot is appointed final stakeholder.—This 5-score yards match is  
going on satisfactorily. The final deposit is due on Saturday next, to Mr.  
wikes, Three Cups Inn, the final stakeholder. To run on Monday, August 25,  
Aston Cross.  
LWELL, of Brierley Hill, is prepared to make a match with Aston, of Old-

exactly 120 yds receiving 1 y

for £20 or £50 a side, and will allow £2 for travelling expenses, if run at Cross. A deposit, sent to Mr. Coates, of Birmingham, will insure a horse.

Mrs. Moles, of Walsall, will run Wright, of Sedgley (if the latter means running), and give him 3 yds start, for £25 a side. A match can be made at 100 yds.

FETTER MANSION, in reply to a challenge which appeared in his contemporary, writes, "I am sorry, but no, I cannot, to run him, requests us to say that his forte is fighting, and not running."

SALFORD BOROUGH GARDENS.

NUTTALL AND KIRKHAM—On Saturday last those grounds were badly trampled, considering the weather. The following names were present: Nuttall, Heywood, and W. Kirkham, of Manchester, the distance being 130 yards. Mr. Kirkham was stakeholder, and George Beldow, of London, was referee. The ground was in a very good condition, and the horses were in excellent condition when stripped on the mark, and ready for action, and after several false attempts they left the crease. Kirkham soon overhauling his

f Walsall, to run 200 yds here.

to race, on Saturday, August 28th. The winner will be a great All England handicap, distance 2 1/2 yds, here, on September 13th and 15th. Prizes, £24. Entrance, 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d. respectively. To be made at Mr. George Hardy's, Rising Sun, Walsby, or at the grounds, on or before August 26th. Stamps as cash.

**SNIPE INN, AUDENSHAW.**

**THE FURZE CHAMPIONSHIP.**—Another other deposit, making £20 a side, has been paid to Mr. Holden, for the match between Thomas Eccles, Blackburn, and Thomas Janott, of Heywood, to jump at six stand spring time, for £25 a side, on Monday, Sept. 1st. The winner to receive the £25, and the loser £10. Another deposit of £5 a side is due on August 4th. Mr. Holden to be referee.

**HOLDS AND ALINGSTAL.**—Another deposit, making £20 a side, is now with Mr. Holden for the match between Mr. Holden, and Mr. Alingstal, to jump at ten stand hops and a mile, for £25 a side, to-day (SATURDAY), August 16th.

**PARK INN GROUND, PRESTWICH.**

**THE DOG HAMCUP.**—There will be a dog handicap at these grounds, distance 10 yds, on August 24th and August 30th. First prize, £8; second, £1 10s.; third, 10s. Entrance, 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d. respectively. To be paid on Tuesday, August 24th, at the grounds, or at Mr. Holden's, Manchester. The winner to be 25 yds to the 1b inside, and according to merit. Weight and colours to be named on entering. 50s. allowed. To shoot at three, and commence running at four o'clock.

**THE GUN SHOOTING.**—A handicap weighing sweepstakes of 5s. each, with £2

shooting.

**HIGGINSHAW GROUNDS, OLDHAM.** The NUTTALL-ALLEN JOCKEY, S. Nuttall and D. Jones (both of Heywood) are matched for run 110 yds. on Saturday, September 22nd at these grounds. Mr. Robert W. Jones, of the Grove Inn, now has a 21 yds. race, to be made into 45 yds. a side on August 18th. Mr. Holden to be referee.

**SHEFFIELD.** On Saturday last a race came off at Newhall, between Mr. W. Morton's pair of sledges, and Mr. E. R. King's Dryadfoot, for 25 yds. a side. The time was 200 yds. Luce received 104 yds. start for difference in weight. Betting, 2 to 1 on Jip, who was beaten by a yard and a half.

On Sunday, Mr. W. Morton's pair of sledges, and Mr. E. R. King's Dryadfoot, to race 110 yds. Luce to be run by dogs of all sizes. Entrance, 3s. each; dogs not exceeding 17 lb. in height, 2s. each. Rabbits free after the first time.

Articles have been entered into between G. Bailey, of Millsands, and Sheridon, of Doncaster, to run 157 yds. Sheridon to receive half a yard start. Entrance, 3s. each; dogs to be run by Mr. R. Darley, stakeholder & referee.

**LIVERPOOL.** OLD STRAWBERRY GARDENS.—Mr. H. Young, of the Stag's Head Inn, Collingtree, Park-road, will give £25 to be run for in an All-England Handicap, Entrance 100 yds. on Saturday and Monday, September 6th and 8th. Entrance, 10s. each; dogs to be run by dogs of all sizes. The usual conditions, each on or before August 29th. Mr. H. Young, as above.

Advertisements will be carried out. The Old Strawberry Gardens are about ten miles from Liverpool, Edgemoor Road.

On Saturday last the lovers of wrestling and pedestrianism assembled in a large number to witness the free wrestling that was advertised to take place, and the running of a hundred yards race. The spectators were not disappointed.

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withdrawn. They were, howe

compensated by the remarkably well matched heats for the free, open, and restricted classes. The first race was won by a 10-year-old, veteran competitor, heating Mr. Cross, amateur, by about a yard and a half; and the second by a 12-year-old, heating Mr. Cross, amateur, by about a yard and a half. The amateur foot races will be held at the Mount Vernon Parade Ground, Low Road, on Saturday, the 20th instant, in aid of the funds of the Liverpool Dispensary for Mount Vernon, and will be open to all amateurs, with the exception of those who have been previously declared ineligible by the committee. The committee reserve the rights of refusing entries. Gentlemen desiring running matches can make arrangements with the hon. sec. on or before the 15th inst. for the closing of the hon. sec., on or before Tuesday next, the 14th inst.

**YORK.**

On Monday evening last, a very interesting series of English sports took place at the Mount Vernon Ground, York, and were witnessed by several thousands of spectators. The first race was won by a 10-year-old, heating Mr. Cross, amateur, by about a yard and a half; and the second by a 12-year-old, heating Mr. Cross, amateur, by about a yard and a half. The amateur foot races will be held at the Mount Vernon Parade Ground, Low Road, on Saturday, the 20th instant, in aid of the funds of the Liverpool Dispensary for Mount Vernon, and will be open to all amateurs, with the exception of those who have been previously declared ineligible by the committee. The committee reserve the rights of refusing entries. Gentlemen desiring running matches can make arrangements with the hon. sec. on or before the 15th inst. for the closing of the hon. sec., on or before Tuesday next, the 14th inst.

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caused much laughter from the assembly. An important foot-  
 race in two fives of sixes, each division being beaten by Whitwell and Lang,  
 of York, and the middle race, some good speed and pluck was ex-  
 hibited by two amateurs.  
 Moving the best man. A mile race next ensued, for York amateurs, the win-  
 ner to be crowned the champion of the district. There were twelve starters,  
 and the abilities of some of the runners were of a high order.  
 Others being beaten the favourite, a very good start was effected, and a  
 capital race was begun, the result being—Sealand, York, first;  
 and the second, a very close race, won by the favourite, Whitwell, of  
 York, second;  
 An extraordinary pole-leaping now ensued, in which the champion, Musgrove,  
 of York, defeated all competitors, and would, no doubt, have largely  
 increased the applause had he not been so much hampered by his  
 sports representing with a four mile race, in which Brighton, Andrews,  
 of York, and Doerfoot contested. Of this race we need only say that  
 Andrews excited a great deal of interest, and was well supported to add  
 to the usual style. Mower shut up at the end of the third mile.

**NEWCASTLE.**

Victoria Grooms.—These grooms, reinvigorated by a rest of about five  
 days' duration, were opposed to the three English and three of Cunningham's  
 England quarter mile handicaps. There were 47 acceptances for this event,  
 which excited some interest. Mosses, Hays and Gravenhay's band attended,  
 and the music was very much appreciated.  
 The result is recorded as follows—First heat: A. Scott, 90 yds, Newcastle, first; M.  
 Arklin, 80, Newcastle; second: B. Froese, 80, 90, W. Riches, 80, 90, and R.  
 Hogg, 80, 90, Newcastle, all three of Newcastle, all three of Newcastle, all three  
 pure gameness by only 2 yds. Time, 52 sec. Second heat: J. Hogg, 20,  
 to head, first; W. Younger, 34, South Shields, 6. This heat caused a deal  
 of interest, and was very much appreciated.  
 The pole-leaping, as the free and clever style of the Gateshead pole-leapers  
 brought him close astern, and eventually he won by a yard. Time, 54 sec.  
 The second heat was won by the favourite, J. Hogg, 20, to head, first; W.  
 Younger, 34, South Shields, 6. This heat caused a deal of interest, and was  
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 The third heat was won by the favourite, J. Hogg, 20, to head, first; W.  
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 The fourth heat was won by the favourite, J. Hogg, 20, to head, first; W.  
 Younger, 34, South Shields, 6. This heat caused a deal of interest, and was  
 very much appreciated.  
 The fifth heat was won by the favourite, J. Hogg, 20, to head, first; W.  
 Younger, 34, South Shields, 6. This heat caused a deal of interest, and was  
 very much appreciated.





